



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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MEMORANDUM

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To: The Land Reclamation Commission

From: Mike Larsen, Chief;
Projects & Inspection Unit (*original signed by Mike Larsen*)

Subject: Bond Forfeiture Status Update

Since the last update provided to the commission on January 24, 2008, staff have been working on several aspects of bond forfeiture including both coal and non-coal. Staff has prepared a plan of work and release presentation schedule for the coming calendar year. The plan identifies former coal mining sites that are proposed to be worked on this coming year in order to fix problems that were left by the coal mining companies. In addition, the plan identifies proposed dates that the mine sites will be presented to the commission for their release consideration. A copy of this proposed plan is attached to this memo for the commission's information.

Staff have also been working with the landowner of a former coal mine site located in Putman county in north central Missouri. The staff have corresponded with the landowner in order to prepare the former mine site for a release presentation before the commission in a separate agenda item later in the meeting. This former mine site was operated by Missouri Mining, Inc. during the late 1970's and early 1980's and is known as Mine #5A and Mine #5B. If approved by the commission this 95 acre release area will finally remove an entire inspectable unit from this former very large mining operation.

Field work for a forfeiture situation involving a former clay mining company, National Refractories and Minerals Corporation has been delayed because of inclement weather during the month of February. Landowner contact has been maintained by the program in order to keep them informed of our intentions. It is hoped that the weather will improve in the coming weeks in order to allow this work to begin. Further updates on this particular forfeiture will be provided to the commission at the May, 2008 meeting.

